

## Meeting of the Heating Advisory Committee on November 9, 2006

Members present: Alan Davis, Steve Dumais, Ken Herrick, Bob Ives, Al Little, Kevin Pratt, Lyndon Rickards, Ken Taylor, Bob Wilkins

Rob Farley telephoned the Fire Marshal to get answers to the following questions:

1 Will the testing option for equivalency sunset in 2 years?

The Fire Marshal said this was acceptable.

2 Could a licensed person supervise 2 trainees?

The Fire Marshal said a licensed person could supervise a maximum of two trainees.

The designated committee members had not yet had a chance to meet and set up a matrix of the licenses of surrounding states and their equivalent in our specialty licenses. (Lyndon Rickards, Ken Taylor, and Bob Wilkins.)

Rob Farley said the Fire Marshal wanted to start setting up the test for gas piping installer and equivalency. He wanted to set up a workshop with a NATE and have some members of the committee attend to lend their expertise to devising the test. Bob Ives, Al Little, Lyndon Rickards, Ken Taylor, and Bob Wilkins volunteered.

The committee discussed whether interim rules would be needed as the rules most likely would not be approved before HB 1711 took effect on January 1, 2007. It was felt this was not necessary as penalties would not go into effect until one year later.

The committee debated if equivalency, that is allowing a person with a minimum of 4,000 hours of appropriate field experience to take a test to qualify for a specialty license should be extended to everyone, not just those currently holding a valid N H Master's or Journeyman's Plumbing License. Most committee members felt this was a reasonable approach.

The committee again reviewed the rules. Rob Farley did an excellent job of incorporating all of the changes from the last meeting and cleaned up the rules so all of the previous changes were blended in and only the most recent changes stood out.

The committee members asked the proper installation of gas piping be included under the installation technicians education requirements. Lyndon Rickards submitted revised educational requirements for the service technician specialty license.

The temporary provisional license requirements were revised so all applicants must have a minimum of 4,000 hours of field experience. The section deleted would have also required N H Master and Journeyman Plumbers to take the equivalency tests for the provisional license.